
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO MOVIE THEATERS.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:

1 SECTION 1. Chapter 489, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
2 amended by adding a new section to part I to be appropriately
3 designated and to read as follows:

4 "§489- Motion picture theater accommodation. (a) Every
5 motion picture theater operator in more than two locations in
6 the State to which the general public is invited shall provide
7 open movie captioning during at least two showings per week of
8 each motion picture that is offered for viewing.

9 (b) Every motion picture theater operator in the State
10 that offers motion pictures for viewing to the general public
11 shall provide audio description of any motion picture that is
12 produced and offered with audio description, upon request.

13 (c) A violation of this section shall be a discriminatory
14 practice.

15 (d) This section shall apply to motion pictures that are
16 produced and distributed with the necessary auxiliary aids and
17 services, including captioning and audio description. This
18 section shall not prohibit the showing of a motion picture that



1 is produced and distributed without captioning and audio
2 description; provided that motion picture theater operators
3 shall provide notice to the public if a motion picture offered
4 for viewing in a motion picture theater is produced and
5 distributed without captioning and audio description.

6 (e) For the purposes of this section, "motion picture
7 theater" means a movie theater, screening room, or other venue
8 in use primarily for the exhibition of a motion picture."

9 SECTION 2. New statutory material is underscored.

10 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect on January 1, 2016.



Report Title:

Motion Picture Theaters; Accommodation; Open Movie Captioning;
Audio Description

Description:

Requires motion picture theater operators in more than two locations in the State to provide open movie captioning during at least two showings per week of each motion picture that is produced and distributed with auxiliary aids and services. Requires motion picture theater operators in the State to provide audio description upon request of any motion picture that is produced and offered with audio description. Effective January 1, 2016. (SD1)

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